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ager said the new rules - affecting only parlors in unincorporated county areas - would kill his operation.

"This new legislation is not good legislation. It is going to curtail the amount of money we can raise because the new electronic machines don't generate what the old ones did," Tom Hope, the bingo manager for Freelancers bingo in south Sacramento, said last week.

Because a nearby parlor within city limits won't have to stop playing the old game, players who prefer the old game will migrate to the other hall, he said.

"My best guess... is that Freelancers in a year will not be there, after being around for 25 years," Hope said. "We will disappear in a year."

In 2003, the county approved the use of "Fast Action bingo," an electronic version of a standard Bonanza bingo game. Over the next couple of years, other electronic bingo games were approved for use. But in 2005 the Sheriff's Department's bingo compliance unit decided that the electronic games were "not true bingo."

North Watt Bingo Center has both types - for now. On a recent afternoon, a few dozen players saddled up to their favorite machine several hours before the first called game was scheduled.

North Highlands resident Janet Young said she prefers the old version of the electronic game because she can play at her own pace and not have to keep up with the calls.

Elsewhere, players sit next to the newer large stand-alone touch-screen machines who would swear are slot machines.

After you touch the screen or

long run, players will convert and we won't be too hurt by the change," Pringle said.

The dispute brings into focus a decade-long decline in bingo players and revenues, according to county data. As the clientele either ages or is drawn to Indian casinos, the reduced revenues threaten the lifeblood of high school sports, bands and other local fundraising.

Since charity bingo was authorized by the county in 1977, revenue from bingo parlors has sustained high school extracurricular programs, helped feed seniors, and helped support the developmentally disabled.

In fiscal 1995-96, the six county-sanctioned bingo parlors saw 866,274 players spend \$44.3 million.

By fiscal 2005-06, two halls had gone out of business and attendance had dropped to 407,098. Gross receipts came in at \$36.6 million.

Electronic bingo machines, with more "bells and whistles," are needed to compete with casinos, said Marty Manges, bingo manager of Casa Roble High School's booster club. "Our clientele is geriatric. Bingo is not something young people do. The typical picture of old people playing bingo is fairly true," he said.

"The only thing that we can do to attract more business is to become more casino-like."

Pringle said the halls have to "entertain our players."

"They come hoping to win, knowing they are going to lose and they want to have fun doing it," he said. "That is bingo."

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ange-colored substance containing pulpy material in the wastewater it treats and releases into the Tule Canal.

The substance of treated water to levels of turbidity, which is not allowed, state, Chief Plant Operator Mark Hierholzer said.

The city increased its treatment process since identifying the problem Feb. 13 and is offering a \$2,000 reward to help find the source of the contamination.

"We think it's a big industry that characterizations in February, probably not aware that we have local limits," Hierholzer said.

The city is collecting samples of wastewater at five different sites in the city to help track the source of the murky orange

ized, but no evidence was found that the problem poses health effects to humans or wildlife, Hierholzer said.

Woodland's Pollution Control Facility, on County Road 24, treats 6.8 million gallons of residential and commercial wastewater each day. The wastewater undergoes biological treatments and is released into the adjacent Tule Canal, which is used for agricultural irrigation and recreation.

The agency reported to the Regional Water Quality Control Board that it exceeded the state turbidity levels from Feb. 23 to 25.

The plant has been in compliance with state law since Feb. 25, Hierholzer said.

The financial impact of the contamination to the plant continues and is unknown at the moment, he added.

the total water treated charged into the canal time the agency was in of the Clean Water Act Landau, the board's a executive officer, said M

He explained that a fine is unlikely and the has the option to lev

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